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RE- STRUCTURING IN CBEC IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Union Government has undertaken re-structuring exercise in Central Board of Excise and Customs in the Ministry of Finance in the year 2002 ;

(b) if so, whether due to irrational and unscientific methods, the problem of stagnation in Central Excise Department particularly in Maharashtra has aggravated;

(c) whether the recommendations of expert bodies like Pay Commission and DOP&T have also not been followed in the case of cadres of Superintendents and Inspectors in the Excise Department of various States including Maharashtra;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government have received any representation in this regard; and

(f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE(SHRI S.S.PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Allocation of staff strength in various grades to the Central Excise Commissionerate under Central Board of Excise and Customs, including those located in the state of Maharashtra, was done by the Ministry according to the model structure (based on the norm of 5 Divisions and 25 Ranges) of a Commissionerate, approved by the Government, in a transparent manner.

(c) & (d) The Department of Personnel and Training and Department of Expenditure had thoroughly examined the Cadre-restructuring plan and approved it before its submission to the Union Cabinet for approval.

(e)& (f) Yes, Sir. As a result of cadre-restructuring, stagnation in the cadre of Inspectors and Superintendents/Appraisers in the department was envisaged to be reduced by effecting the following promotions:

(i) 5451 Inspectors as Superintendents;

(ii) 586 Executive Group `B` (Superintendents and Appraisers) as Assistant Commissioners.